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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, but unchanged in the Central and Eastern region when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with whole product in good balance going into the holiday weekend. Retail demand was seasonal but in a full range of fair to good. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food outlets and for catering businesses. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, but well cleared. Planned processing schedules for next week will be part time with plants down Monday in observance of Christmas Day. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings and most dark meat items were adequate to short, breast items were sufficient to close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Trucks were very short for the holiday weekend.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 25-DEC-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	61.00-64.00	59.00-70.00	63.66	29
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			Southeast
Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	69.00-71.00	65.00-77.00	69.71	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
787	63.00-71.98	69.27
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00	953
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	3,991
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	991
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00	860
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	6,398
WINGS	106.50	1,911

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Majority prices were trending higher in the West, but generally unchanged in other regions. Retail demand was seasonally good for the holiday weekend. Food service was also seasonally active with best movement into fast food outlets where holiday shopping were active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, but well cleared. In the parts structure, interest was moderate to good. Most all items were in close balance to occasionally short and often held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair entering the weekend as dealers looked to other holiday meat items and limited orders to previous commitments. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was seasonally good. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings, drums, tenders and most leg cuts were in good balance. The balance of items was mostly adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majorities were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Trade sentiments were steady to firm. Trading reported was fair for next week's deliveries, with regular commitments at higher prices and new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings were adequate overall. Buyer's interest was fair. Retailer demand moderate to good where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week into the Chicago market were unchanged. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of whole birds very limited on fair trade inquiry. Fill-in trade noted into the Ohio market area on 3 up wogs at 65 and 68 cents. Retail demand was light to moderate with increased consumer traffic noted today in most market areas. Food service trade was moderate to good; best into catering and fast food. Floor stocks adequate to short; weights desirable. Parts supplies were in balance with wings in the tightest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat and wings, steady to firm on breast cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair with the bulk of activity centered around previous commitments. Seller offerings were generally adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings were no more than adequate. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IINCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	56-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	12/18/06 - 12/22/06 (A)
	12/19/05 - 12/23/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	12/18/06 - 12/22/06 (A)
	12/19/05 - 12/23/05 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 22

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	615	114.00-187.00	-	127.54	615	114.00-189.00	-	127.18	3,447	125.84	
TENDERLOINS	208	109.00-179.00	112-117	114.88	208	112.00-177.00	-	116.04	1,065	114.88	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				416	72.08	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				292	61.62	
LEGS	191	40.00-48.00	42	42.54	TOO FEW TO REPORT				789	42.34	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	26.00-32.00	28-29	28.98	573	26.00-32.00	29	29.12	3,061	28.59	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	779	28.00-34.00	31-32	31.55	964	29.00-34.00	32	30.99	3,970	31.15	
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	92.00-101.00	97-98	97.57	325	90.00-105.00	95-98	98.15	1,625	97.46	
WINGS (CUT)	325	110.00-122.00	115-118	116.31	285	112.00-122.00	114-116	115.33	1,475	115.56	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				283	35.55	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				116	38.54	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				376	91.56	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR DEC 21, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR DEC 22, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

43.50 - 47.00

45.19

43.50 - 47.50

45.34

45.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest ranged seasonally light to moderate and generally selective as dealers looked to other holiday meat items and attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of wings, tenders and most leg cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Other items were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, tenders, drums and legs. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

DEC 21

CURRENT NEG WTD**CURRENT NEG WTD**

DEC 22

ITEM	TRADING*			VOL/LBS	TRADING*			VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	AVG**				AVG**				WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	122.18		648,784	130-135	125.92		600,750	121.50	3,433,497
TENDERLOINS	115-120	113.85		105,120	115-120	114.58		86,840	110.30	792,454
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	74.29		91,800	70-71	79.75		96,920	77.12	430,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	72.81		84,600	70	71.96		95,400	72.86	417,600
LEGS	46-47	41.98		241,800	46-47	47.00		200,560	44.60	1,095,510
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.70		245,760	32-33	32.54		365,840	32.60	1,595,200
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	40.51		71,920	34-35	42.25		91,259	38.05	472,909
THIGHS	37-38	43.96		77,280	37-38	44.57		78,520	44.16	317,510
B/S THIGHS	98-99	98.07		35,720	98-99	99.03		67,840	94.45	421,380
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	103.64		180,360	102-103	105.11		185,280	103.21	1,099,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15		26,920	10-12	11.57		28,960	11.67	136,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.25		18,560	35-40	27.61		19,320	33.45	84,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.24		20,120	45-50	52.11		33,760	50.88	141,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	12/22	12/21	12/20	12/19	12/20	12/19	12/15	12/13		
Alabama	4,027	3,883	3,676	3,959	5.48	5.50	4,120	5.45		
Arkansas	4,361	5,019	5,227	5,187	5.14	5.22	4,548	5.02		
Delmarva	2,239	2,295	2,296	2,559	5.78	5.90	2,148	5.72		
KY-LA-TN	2,355	2,366	1,936	2,346	4.80	5.15	2,298	5.11		
Mississippi	2,253	2,891	2,203	2,899	5.11	5.61	2,885	5.70		
North Carolina	2,810	2,606	2,703	2,248	6.94	7.10	2,636	6.93		
Texas	2,499	2,492	2,515	2,515	5.35	5.29	2,431	5.28		
Total	20,544	21,552	20,556	21,413	5.50	5.59	21,066	5.54		
Mon-Fri	106,682(A)						106,827(A)			
Saturday	716(included in total for date shown)						729			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Dec-06 and 23-Dec-06 is estimated to be 30,736,000 head down 2.77 percent from a week ago and up 22.28 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,612,000, last year 25,135,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Dec-06 is estimated to be 158,592,000 head down 0.96 percent from a week ago, and up 4.55 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,125,000, last year 151,687,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	110-114
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS	ICE PACK	111-118
	DRY PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
	DRY PACK	190-195

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 16-Dec-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	49,089	78,448	21,388	11,200	160,125
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.45	6.89	8.27	5.31
% of total /1	31%	49%	13%	7%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,631	82,812	27,121	13,762	163,326
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.38	6.85	8.18	5.49
% of total /1	24%	51%	17%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	49,269	68,756	34,635	11,644	164,304
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.29	6.81	8.30	5.37
% of total /1	30%	42%	21%	7%	100%

To date/2006	2,279,674	3,994,544	1,120,863	662,690	8,057,771
To date/2005	2,351,970	3,856,662	1,360,425	480,536	8,049,593

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 09-Dec-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	160,125	1,111	1,518	2,629	540
Avg Wt	5.31	3.44	7.77	5.94	6.45
Last week	163,326	1,157	1,529	2,686	567
Same wk yr ago	164,304	1,404	1,488	2,892	521
Avg Wt	5.37	3.28	7.87	5.64	6.71
To-date/2006	8,057,771	53,519	74,427	127,946	25,046
To-date/2005	8,049,593	71,036	70,846	141,882	24,974

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.1 million head, or 5.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 11	168.3	159.9	105%	5.50
18	162.4	156.3	104%	5.49
25	122.0	156.7	78%	5.44
December 2	166.4	156.8	106%	5.53
9	165.3	156.6	106%	5.49
16	162.1	156.8	103%	5.31
Year to date	8155.5	8149.9	100%	
December 23		153.4		
30		149.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	12/23/06	12/16/06	% CHG	12/24/05	% CHG
Broilers	158,592	160,125*	-0.96	151,687*	+4.55
Cattle	615	645	-05	607*	+01
Hogs	2,201	2,140	+03	2,053*	+07

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	161-165
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-68.00	66.00-67.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.00	72.00-76.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was good due to the upcoming holidays. Supplies were adequate to close. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 18-DEC-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - December 12, 2006****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.50 - .60
Chukars	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .35
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .40
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .50
Guinea Fowl	1.90 - 2.10 ea.
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.50 ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.80 - .70 ea.
Silkie	1.25 - 1.50 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .30
Pigeons	1.75 - 2.00 ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.50 - 3.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 2.00
Bunnies	.50 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 8.00 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
Doves	3.25 - 4.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - 1.00
Total Coops Sold	432

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were fully sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal of spent light fowl was limited and of insufficient volume to report values. Schedules were reduced. Sales were slow. Costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly light to moderate. Schedules were reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	4.5-6

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules were light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was seasonally light to fair for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to mostly light due to the holiday. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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